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Republicans Save SeniorCare

MADISON - On Thursday, the co-chairs of the state's budget-writing Joint Finance Committee (JFC), State Senator Alberta Darling (R-River Hills) and State Representative John Nygren (R-Marinette), issued the following statement regarding the JFC's decision to save SeniorCare:

"When we began our work in Joint Finance this budget season, we held public hearings on the governor's proposed budget in the proverbial "four corners of the state." At these public hearings, we listened to the opinions of Wisconsin residents. Time and time again, the public shared with us their concerns with the proposed changes to our state's SeniorCare program. Now that we have heard from Wisconsinites around the state and our Republican colleagues in the Legislature, we are addressing their concerns and saving SeniorCare.

"SeniorCare is an important prescription drug program for our state's seniors. While many elderly people are limited to fixed incomes and tight budgets, SeniorCare helps them to afford the prescription drugs they need. This program is unique to our state, and it's clear that Wisconsin residents value these benefits.

"Today's decision will maintain current funding for the SeniorCare program. We believe it's critically important to make sure that this program remains affordable for the seniors who utilize it. It is for this reason that we froze enrollment fees and drug co-pays at the current levels. This decision helps to ensure that our state's elderly population will be able to continue to afford their prescription medications."

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